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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Have the Government ascertained whether the silt is really diverted from the Cauvery into the Coleroon?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Cauvery water which goes into the Coleroon necessarily takes some silt with it. Owing to various measures Government are taking and especially after the construction of the Mettur Reservoir which regulates the supply of water, much less water is now wasted in the Coleroon."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask what is happening to this silt now?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Not much silt reached the Tanjore delta from the Cauvery river above Mettur; most of the silt came from the Amaravati and Noyyal rivers."

Irrigation of certain portions of the Udayarpalayam taluk by means of water from the Cauvery or Coleroon.

*289 Q.—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that between the years 1903 to 1905 the Government caused an investigation to be made whether it is possible to irrigate certain portions of the Udayarpalayam taluk, Trichinopoly district, by means of the water from the Cauvery or the Coleroon; and

(b) whether the result of that investigation would be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes. The hon. Member is presumably referring to the project for a reservoir across the Nandyar river which was to receive its main supply from a channel from the Cauvery taking off above the upper anicut.

(b) A copy of G.O. No. 443 I., dated 8th May 1905, has been placed on the table separately.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I ask whether certain portion of the Udayarpalayam taluk were being irrigated by this project up to the year 1865?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must have notice of the question."

Land Revenue Administration

Remission of land revenue in the Tanjore district.

*290 Q.—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from various persons, Conferences of Landowners and Landholders' Associations in the Tanjore district, praying for the remission of suspended revenue, for a remission by at least 25 per cent of the land-tax in the coming year, and for the abolition of the new water-rates for a second irrigated crop on single crop wet lands proposed to be brought into force from July 1934;

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(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of such persons and associations;

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to give relief to their sufferings; and

(*d*) whether the question of remitting the suspended revenue has been considered by the Government; if so, with what result?

A.—(*a*) Representations have been received asking for concessions in respect of land revenue and water-cess.

(*b*) A list of such representations received since March 1933 is annexed.[a]

(*c*) & (*d*) The questions are under examination.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the question of remission is being considered only in regard to Tanjore or in regard to other districts as well? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It is being considered in regard to other districts as well."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know if there is any proposal to grant relief to the agriculturists during the coming year? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The question is under consideration."

Levy of new water-rate for second crop and udu cultivation in the Tanjore district.

* 291 *Q.*—Mr. A. PL. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the Tanjore Old Delta Landholders' Association in the Tanjore district on the new water-rate for second crop and udu cultivation;

(*b*) whether the memorandum has been considered by the Government; if so, with what result;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Tanjore has issued a circular by which lands of extent of less than 10 cents in which udu cultivation is being carried on, have been directed not to be included in the list of lands exempt from the new water-rates if they are part of a subdivision and not a whole subdivision; and

(*d*) whether the Government have authorized such distinctions?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorandum is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 395 infra.